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21 Dec 61

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence,  
United States Air Force

SUBJECT: Air Force Computer Support for NPIC Program

1. Reference is made to:

- a. AFCIN letter to NPIC, <sup>8</sup> 8 Dec 1961, subject: Proposal for  
Evaluating TALENT/KEYHOLE Photography. TAB D
- b. AFIC letter to NPIC, 18 Oct 1961, subject: same as 1a. Tab F
- c. NPIC letter to AFIC, 31 Oct 1961, subject: same as 1a  
and 1b. This is a reply to 1b. Tab E
- d. AFCIN letter to NPIC, 16 Nov 1961, subject: Letter of  
Transmittal (Control No. TH5399-61-KH). Tab G
- e. NPIC letter to AFCIN, 30 Nov 1961, subject: Comments on  
Proposed AFIC Reports. This is a reply to 1d. Tab H

2. Reference 1a indicates that the Air Force will utilize ACIC to  
provide qualitative evaluations for T-KH photography for the Air Force  
reporting system and that any NPIC inputs would be utilized at the  
discretion and judgment of the Air Force. It is appreciated that the  
Air Force would desire for its own requirements to have an in-house  
rating capability and reports derived therefrom. At the same time it  
is believed that other members of the intelligence community would not  
~~accept departmental evaluations but would prefer to~~ <sup>desire to</sup> utilize evaluations  
based on the work of joint teams at NPIC.

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as a result  
of reference 1a

for the intelligence community

3. Accordingly, it appears that NPIC will have to develop a separate qualitative evaluation reporting system <sup>to some extent</sup> which will parallel and duplicate that of the Air Force. <sup>data storage</sup> The problem is too complicated to handle manually and will require computer assistance. In connection with its planned move to a new facility, the NPIC expects to develop by about January 1963 an in-house computer capability which can handle the qualitative evaluation recording and reporting problem. In the meantime, to avoid further duplication in this area, it would be desirable to take advantage of the <sup>related</sup> programs and resources which the Air Force already has available on the IBM 7090 computer <sup>at AFIC</sup>.

84- Assuming that NPIC provides data to the Air Force in appropriate form for computer entry, information is requested as to the extent to which the Air Force can provide <sup>to NPIC</sup> during 1962 the following support ~~to NPIC~~ from the Air Force 7090 using the NPIC inputs:

- a. A report for each <sup>satellite</sup> mission, past and future, similar to the QMCI, type I, as described in inclosure 1 to reference 1b, with modification of definitions as proposed in paragraph 4 of reference 1c <sup>(which were)</sup> and generally accepted by reference 1a). The items "snow cover" and "scale" could be eliminated from the report as these are of limited practical interest to NPIC.
- b. Following each future <sup>satellite</sup> mission, an "Area Coverage Summary" as described in inclosure 2 to reference 1d.
- c. Following each future <sup>satellite</sup> mission, a "Coverage Summary Plot" as described in inclosure 2 to reference 1d.

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